

Trichur Municipal election.

95. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they received a petition to the effect that snapshot photos of ladies, who came to record their votes during the last Trichur Municipal election in the G. ward were taken by some Police officers;

(b) if so, what action was taken?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) No.

(b) No answer is called for in view of the reply to sub-division (a).

Complaints against Police officers.

96. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Commissioner of Police received a petition dated 12th Edavam 1109 from one T. Sreenivasan, Thekke Gramam, Chittur, to the effect that the bus which is timed to start from Chittur at 9-30 a. m. was detained till 10-30 to suit the convenience of Police officers; if so, who was the Police officer, who is said to have detained the bus; what action was taken in the matter;

(b) to state the time C. S. 1146 left Chittur and reached Trichur on the 11th Edavam 1109 and what was the schedule time for that bus?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—(a) Yes; the Police officer, who is alleged to have detained the bus as stated in the petition, is Mr. A. L. Devassi, D. S. P., Trichur District. The petition was enquired into and found to be pseudonymous and the allegations were not true.

(b) Left Chittur at 9-30 a. m. and reached Trichur at 2-30 p. m. As per the schedule time, the bus must leave Chittur at 9-30 a. m. and arrive at Trichur at 1-30 p. m.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—As per the schedule time, the bus must leave Chittur at 9-30 a. m. and arrive at Trichur at 1-30 p. m. The bus actually reached the place only at 2-30. Did the Police enquire into the reason for the delay?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—No, Sir. No enquiry was made.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it not the duty of Traffic Department to enquire if there is any long delay in the arrival of the bus?

Mr. P. Nilakanta Menon.—Yes, Sir. If there is any long delay it will be enquired into.